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YES... JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME.
THEY MADE IT HERE...
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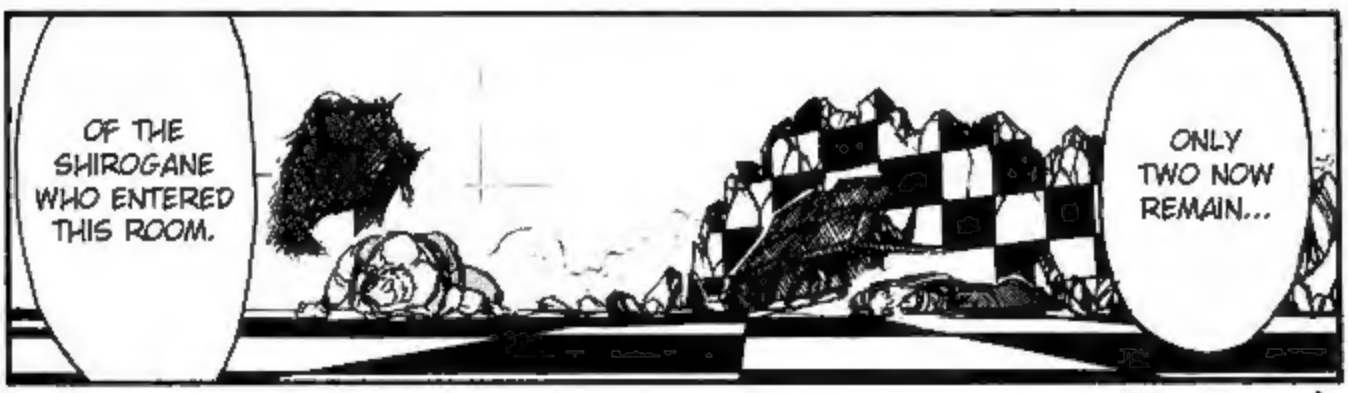
A RATHER OVER-BLOWN ENTRANCE ... FOR BACKUP ARRIVING ONLY IN THE LAST SCENE ...
OHO, SO OUR FINAL PLAYERS DESCEND FROM THE HEAVENS.
LU-CILLE.

Act 34 Black Blood: First Part

WAAAH
THE VERY WALLS ARE PACKED FULL WITH OUR MINOR PLAYERS ...


OF THE SHIROGANE WHO ENTERED THIS ROOM.
ONLY TWO NOW REMAIN...

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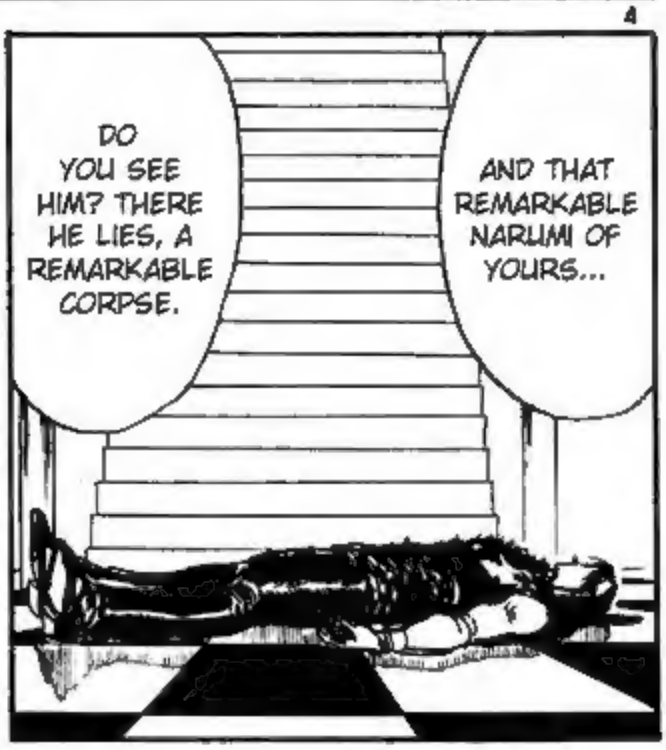
YOUR SON'S BLOOD WAS RED...


DO YOU SEE HIM? THERE HE LIES, A REMARKABLE CORPSE.
AND THAT REMARKABLE NARUMI OF YOURS...

THAT DAY ...
AND YET I SUPPOSE YOU WILL FIGHT ME NONETHE-LESS.

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HUH...? NARU-?
!
MING-XIA!
HOW DARE YOU?!

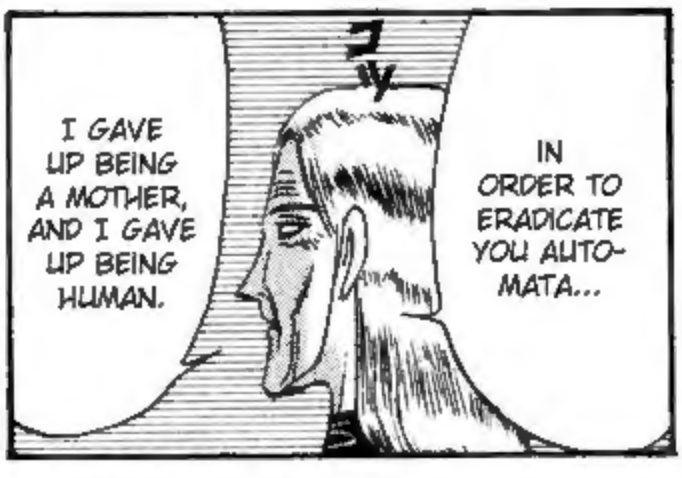
LU-CILLE ...

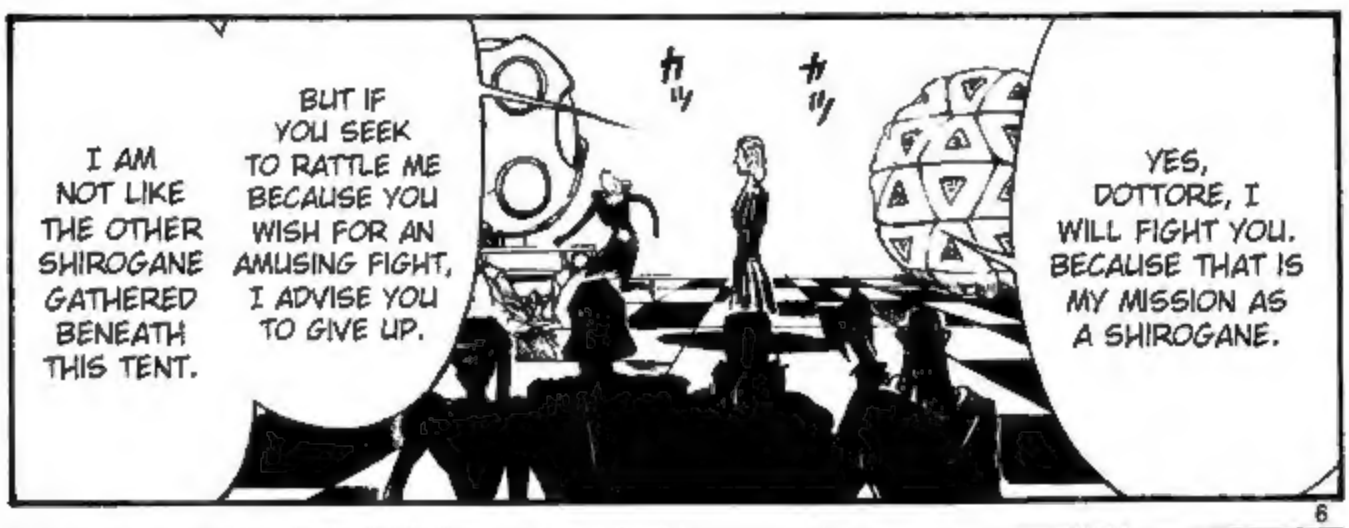
MY BLOOD IS NO LONGER RED.

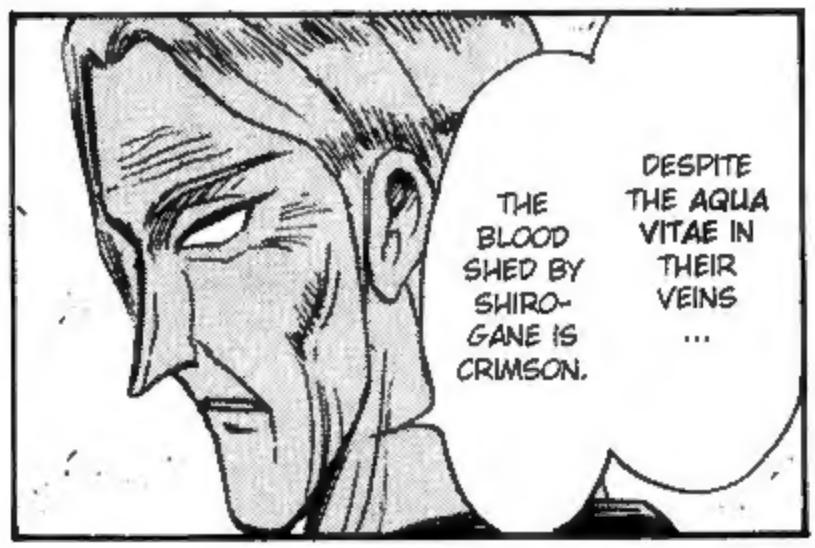
PRO-VOCATION WILL NOT WORK ON ME, DOTTORE.

I HID THE SOFT STONE THAT YOU DESIRE ...
IN THE BODY OF ANGELINA, MY ONLY SURVIVING CHILD...
IN ORDER TO USE HER AS A LURE.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST HAVE NO POWER TO DISTURB THIS OLD WOMAN'S HEART.
MY BEHAVIOR CANNOT BE ALTERED BY ANYONE'S DEATH.


IN ORDER TO ERADICATE YOU AUTOMATA...
I GAVE UP BEING A MOTHER, AND I GAVE UP BEING HUMAN.


YES, DOTTORE, I WILL FIGHT YOU. BECAUSE THAT IS MY MISSION AS A SHIROGANE.
BUT IF YOU SEEK TO RATTLE ME BECAUSE YOU WISH FOR AN AMUSING FIGHT, I ADVISE YOU TO GIVE UP.
I AM NOT LIKE THE OTHER SHIROGANE GATHERED BENEATH THIS TENT.


DESPITE THE AQUA VITAE IN THEIR VEINS ...
THE BLOOD SHED BY SHIROGANE IS CRIMSON.

WHERE IS SHE GOING?
SHE SEEMS TO BE APPROACHING THE VEHICLE ...

MY BLOOD IS THE SAME BLACK COLOR ...
AS THAT OF THE AUTO-MATA.

WHY?

BUT IF THEY DO HAVE SOMETHING... SOMETHING THAT MIGHT POSE A THREAT TO US... WHAT WILL WE DO?
WHAT WAS THAT?

HMPH. SHE MUST HAVE GIVEN UP.
THAT'S TRUE. WITH THE SHIROGANE'S PLAN IN RUINS, SHE HAS NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS.
WHY IS LUCILLE BEING SO CALM?

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I SEE.
HRM ...
WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF LADY FRANCINE.
WE CANNOT BE PUT TO SHAME UNDER SUCH CIRCUM-STANCES.
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UFUFU... TIME FOR THE FINAL CURTAIN.
WE WILL SEE TO THE NEW ARRIVALS AND THE OTHER SHIROGANE, THEN.
PERMIT ME THE HONOR OF TAKING LUCILLE'S HEAD.
IN ORDER TO FORESTALL ANY SUCH COMPLI-CATIONS ...
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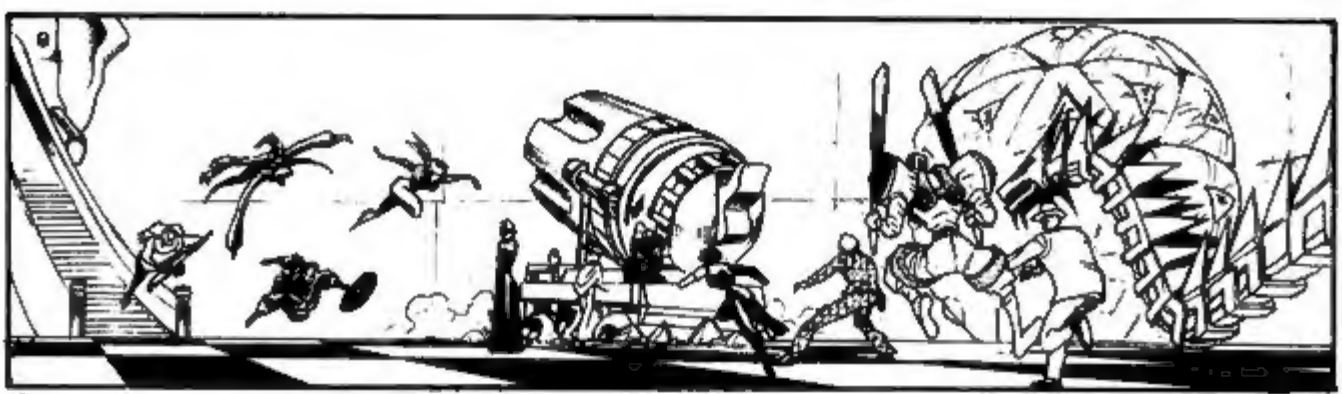
I'll have to sit this one out.
I got nothin' here
ME TOO!
LET'S GO.
GLAD-LY!



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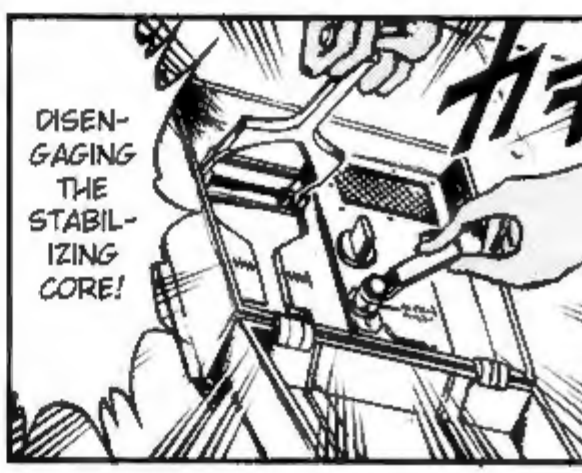
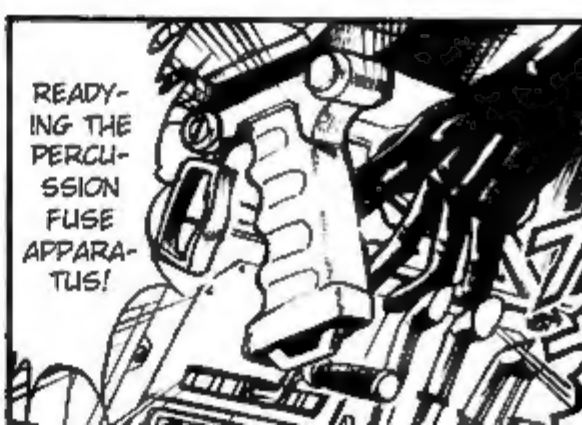
TCH...! THERE'S JUST A LITTLE BIT LEFT ...!
MR. GEORGE, ONE OF THEM IS COMING!


DISEN-GAGING THE STABIL-IZING CORE!


READY-ING THE PERCU-SSION FUSE APPARA-TUS!

I'LL HANDLE THIS! HURRY!
MA-DAME!

YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY, DOTTORE.

IT ALL ENDS HERE!
LUCIIIILLE...! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MAY BE PLANNING, BUT...

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MADAME, HERE IT COMES!

I WIN.

GO ON!
THERE! I'M GOING TO FIRE IT NOW!

LADY FRAN-CINE !!!
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TH-THAT'S ...
H-HOW ...?!

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HOLD STILL.

LADY FRANCINE ...
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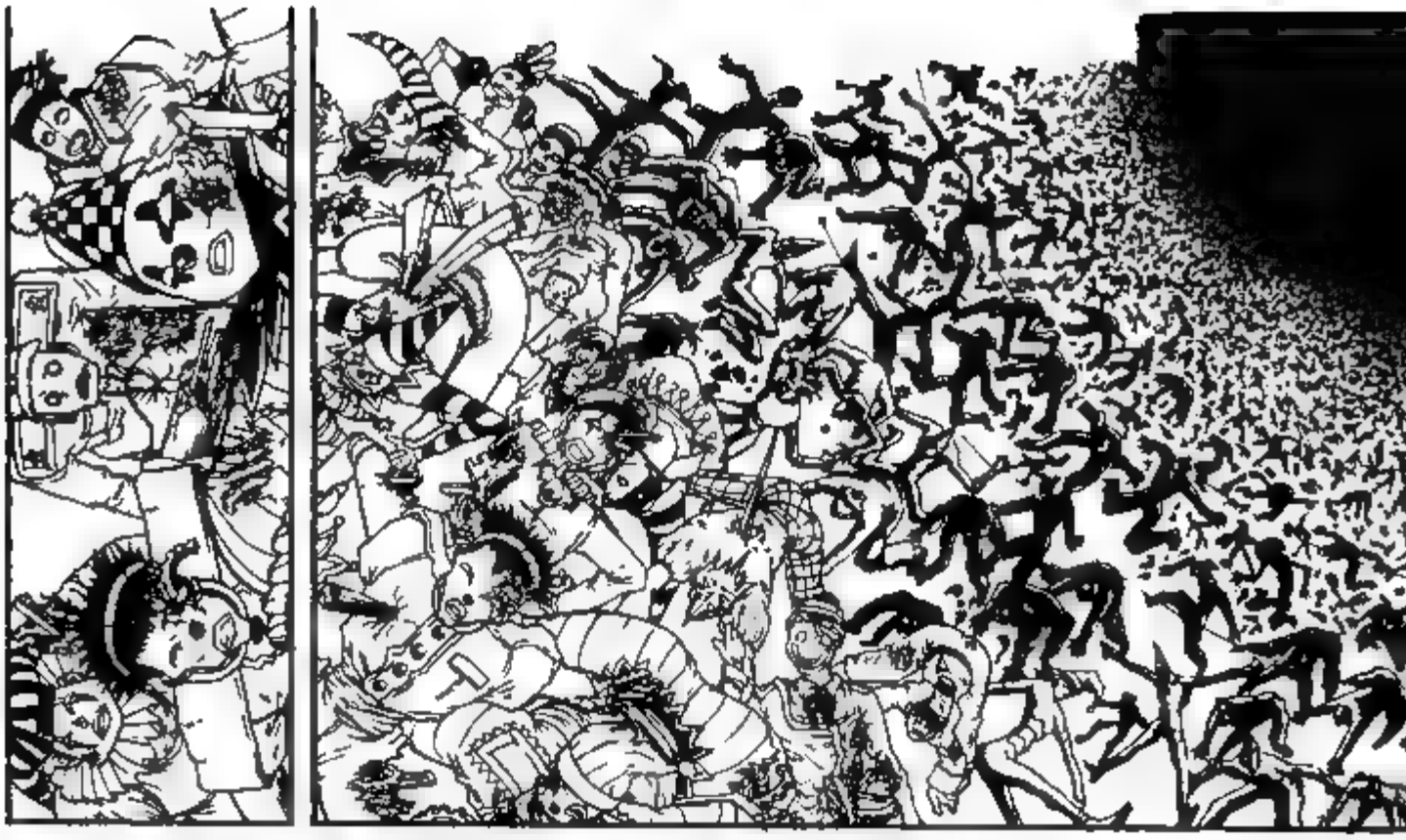

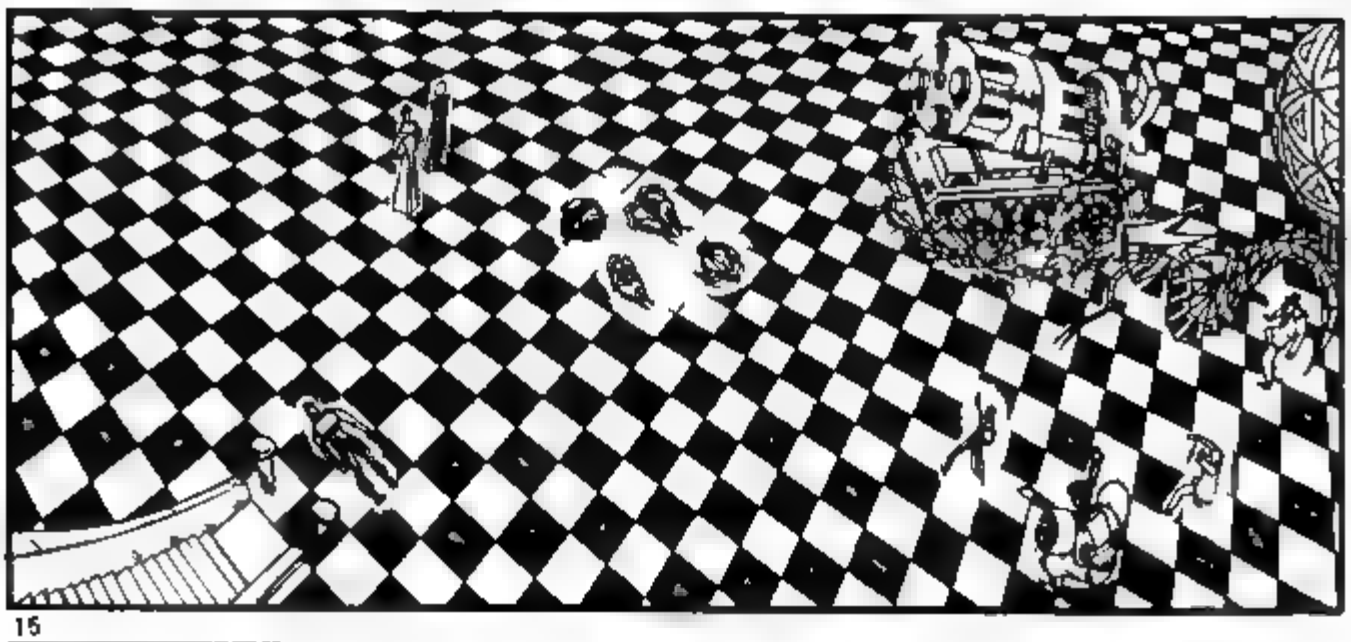

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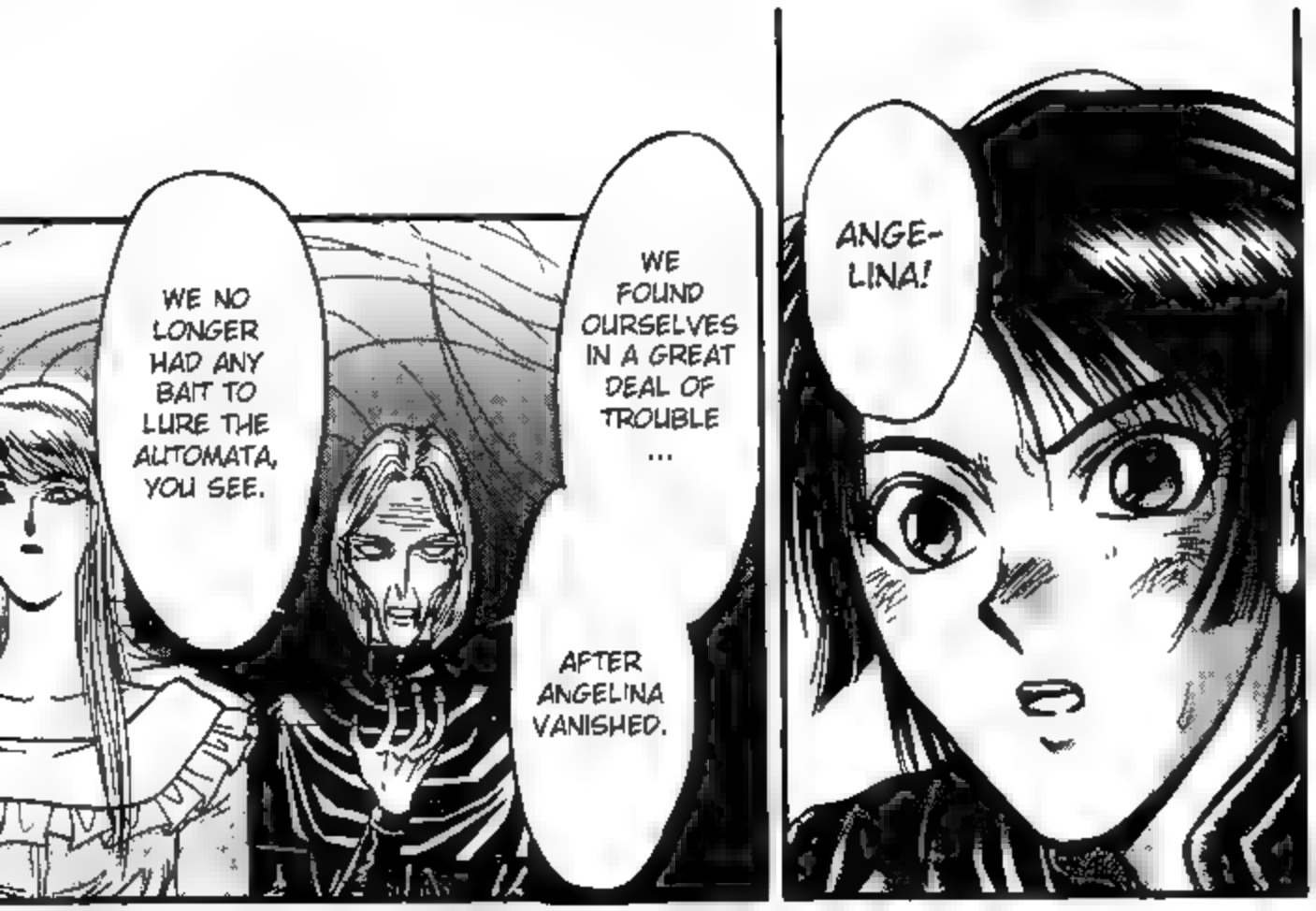
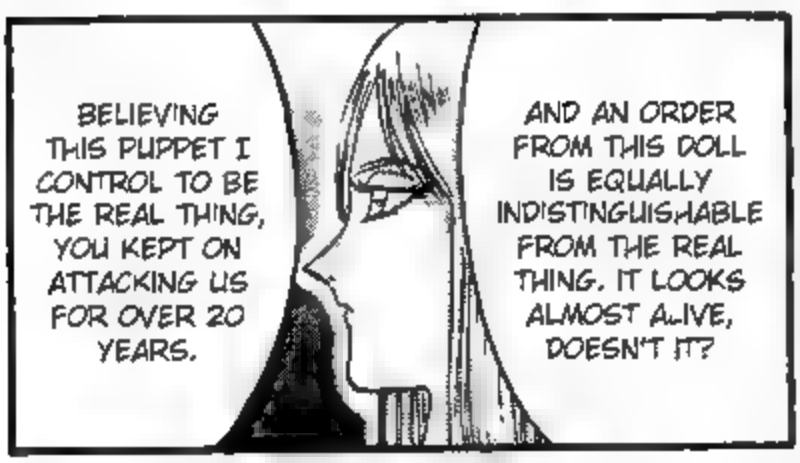
LUCILLE'S DAUGHTER ...
NO. IT IS SOMEONE WHO LOOKED JUST LIKE HER. THE LEGENDARY SHIROGANE ...
NO... THAT IS NOT FRAN-CINE.


WE NO LONGER HAD ANY BAIT TO LURE THE AUTOMATA, YOU SEE.
WE FOUND OURSELVES IN A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE ...
AFTER ANGELINA VANISHED.
ANGE-LINA!

A MARIONETTE THAT WAS AN EXACT REPLICA OF ANGELINA.
AND SO I HAD THIS MADE.


BELIEVING THIS PUPPET I CONTROL TO BE THE REAL THING, YOU KEPT ON ATTACKING US FOR OVER 20 YEARS.
AND AN ORDER FROM THIS DOLL IS EQUALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE REAL THING. IT LOOKS ALMOST ALIVE, DOESN'T IT?

ANGELINA WAS THE LIVING IMAGE OF THE DOLL FRANCINE.
ARE YOU UNABLE TO MOVE? ...YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

UGH ...!
HOW... DARE YOU...!

OKAY!
MISS MING-XIA, WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TO HELP MR. NARUMI AND THE OTHER INJURED!
I'm the one who brought it here, y'know ...
THAT PUPPET REALLY IS AMAZING. TO THINK THAT MADAME HAD SOMETHING LIKE THAT PREPARED ...

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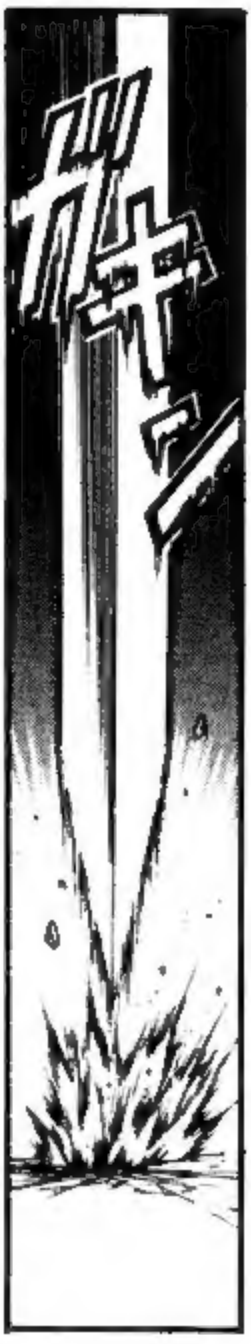
AND NOW, I SUPPOSE IT'S TIME FOR ME TO HAVE A CHAT WITH AN OLD FRIEND.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YES, IF WE CAN KEEP THEM HERE LONG ENOUGH ...
IF THEY ARE NOW IMMOBI-LIZED...

WE CAN TURN THIS AROUND!!

IS... NOT... LADY... FRAN-CINE.
TH-THAT ...
WHAT DO YOU SAY ...
DOT-TORE?
I CAN MOVE!
SO ...
IS UP THERE.
LADY FRAN-CINE ...
I CAN MOVE!!
THAT IS NOT LADY FRAN-CINE!
THAT IS NOT LADY FRAN-CINE ...

YOUR LOYALTY TO LADY FRANCINE IS *WANTING*, IS IT?
SO, DOT-TORE ...
OH? SO YOU CAN MOVE, AFTER ALL.
WELL, NO MATTER.
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